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**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please amend the abstract as follows.

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**Abstract**

To enable usage of content at a receiver which does not have a copying function even if copyright protection is provided. Model names of receivers not having a copying function ~~enabling copying of content~~ are held in an authentication processing circuit ~~(+51)~~ of a transmitter ~~(+10)~~. When a model name obtained from a connected receiver ~~(+10)~~ is held, regardless of whether the content is copyright protected, a signal selection circuit ~~(+22)~~ selects a terminal "a" side, a switch ~~(+23)~~ is turned on, and an unencrypted signal is transmitted. When a change of the receiver ~~(+10)~~ is detected by a hot plug detection ~~function~~ or a plug and play function at a processing circuit ~~(+52)~~ during the signal transfer ~~of a signal of copyright protected content~~ without providing copyright protection, the selection circuit ~~is made to select~~ selects a terminal "b" side or the switch ~~(+23)~~ is turned off to suspend the transfer of the non-copyright protected signal. The information indicating the receiver is held in a tamper-proof updateable manner.